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CHINA AWAITS JAPS

AN ARMY OF 100,000 PREPARES FOR DEFENSE OF PEKING.

GARRISON POORLY EQUIPPED

Report of Tokio Cabinet's Decision to Throw Down Gauntlet to Mongolians Interpreted as Final War Move—Mikado's Subjects Flee.

Peking.—Military preparations are being made for the defense of Peking. According to Chinese officials whose statements have been corroborated in other preparations elsewhere than at the capital for defense, because the Chinese will be unable to oppose the Japanese should they make an attack. It is asserted in high quarters that 100,000 troops have been concentrated in the environs of Peking, but with sufficient ammunition for only a brief resistance.

Special police and military precautions have been taken throughout the city, and especially around the Winter palace where President Yuan Shi Kai resides. The officials declare that they are suspicious of the Japanese may attempt a repetition of the Korean coup d'etat.

The Japanese legation, it is said, notified the Japanese Tuesday to prepare to leave Peking and that many women and children are getting ready to depart. Many of the Japanese men probably will take refuge in the legation quarter if hostilities break out.

The situation is considered awkward for some of these foreign legations, especially those countries sympathetic with the Chinese, but none of them could oppose the entry of the Japanese into Peking.

Dr. Paul S. Reinsch, the United States minister here, expresses the opinion that the missionaries and other Americans in the interior are in no danger. He says the Chinese government will preserve order in the regions over which the Chinese hold control.

ROME AGAIN BALKS AT WAR.

Italian Government Once More Postpones Decision.

London.—Italy has postponed again her decision concerning participation in the war. Rome dispatches say that new offers have been presented on behalf of Austria in an effort to satisfy Italian territorial demands. King Victor Emmanuel's decision not to attend the unveiling of the Garibaldi monument is regarded as indicating that no warlike action will be taken in the immediate future; for it was the opinion in Rome that his presence on this occasion would have been equivalent to a declaration of war on Austria.

Prince von Buelow, the German ambassador, is credited with having averted a crisis by presenting the new offers.

Airship Sinks Submarine?

Berlin.—The following official communication has been issued: "On May 3 a German airship had an engagement with several British submarines in the North sea. Several bombs were dropped from the airship, one of them hitting and sinking one of the submarines. The airship was not damaged by the guns of the submarines without being hit."

Invasion Bunk; Slay Owner.

Chicago.—John J. Slomski, a private banker, was shot in a daylight hold-up by one of five young robbers in his bank Tuesday afternoon. He died soon afterward. The robbers obtained \$50 from Albert Prysbytek, a saloon-keeper, who had come to make a deposit, but nothing from the banker. They escaped in an open automobile.

Canada Guarding Food Supply.

Ottawa.—Careful shipment of wheat, flour and a large number of other agricultural products and commodities to the United States has been prohibited, it has been officially announced, except when such shipments are intended solely for domestic consumption in the United States and not for reshipment abroad.

Second Typhus Case in U. S.

New York.—The second case of typhus fever, the scourge of Serbia, to reach this port within a week, was found aboard the Cunard liner Carpathia, upon her arrival from Mediterranean ports. The victim was a steerman passenger.

Union Labor Held Invalid.

Columbus.—The Ohio statute which prohibits an employer from discharging an employee because of the membership of the latter in a labor union, was held unconstitutional in a decision handed down by the state supreme court Tuesday.

British War Cost Mounts.

London.—In presenting the budget to the house of commons the chancellor of the exchequer, David Lloyd George, estimated that if the war lasted during the whole of the fiscal year, Great Britain's expenditure in that time would be £1,136,434,000.

Cook to Climb Mt. Everest.

Chicago.—Dr. Frederick A. Cook has announced that he will attempt to climb Mt. Everest, in the Himalayas, the highest mountain in the world, this summer.

7 ALLIED SHIPS HIT

BRITISH TORPEDO BOAT REPORTED DESTROYED BY TURKS DURING ATTACK ON FORTS.

GALLIPLI TOWNS ARE TAKEN

Forces Establish Themselves on Both Sides of Dardanelles and Force Advance—Heavy Losses Admitted by the London Admiralty.

Amsterdam, May 3.—The British battleships Majestic and Triumph have been damaged and forced to withdraw from the fighting line, the French cruiser Jeanne d'Arc was set afire by Turkish shells, an English destroyer was sunk and two transports of the allies were hit and one of them beached, according to the Turkish official statement received here on Friday, via Berlin.

The statement follows: "Sixteen armored cruisers and many destroyers attacked our advanced batteries in the narrows on Tuesday and fired thousands of shells on our batteries and infantry positions. They wounded a number of soldiers.

"Two transports off Sedd-el-Bahr were repeatedly struck by our shells and one of them was beached. The British battleships Majestic and Triumph were damaged and withdrawn from the fighting line. Our batteries also damaged the French cruiser Jeanne d'Arc, which was set on fire.

"We also sank an English destroyer in the entrance to the narrows."

London, May 3.—The town of Madon, five miles above the narrows of the Dardanelles, has been bombarded and is in flames; two towns have been captured from the Turks and three other towns occupied by British, while a Turkish transport has been sunk, according to an admiralty report issued on Friday.

The report also states that the allies have suffered severe losses. Five hundred Turks were made prisoners following an unsuccessful attack at Sari Bair. The allies have established themselves on both sides of the Dardanelles and their successful advance is reported by the admiralty.

RAIL BODY MAKES AWARD

Engineers' and Firemen's Agents Will Not Sign the Agreement—Given Slight Increase.

Chicago, May 3.—The western railroad arbitration board handed down its award on Friday in the case of 66,000 engineers and firemen who had asked 10 per cent increase in wages and changes in working conditions.

Representatives on the board of the engineers and firemen refused to sign the award. They declared it granted no increase in wages and that in many cases wages would be reduced if it were not for the clause in the award that where wages are higher now, they shall not be affected.

W. S. Carter contended the wages in every engine west of Chicago was higher now than granted by the award. In the case of a few light engines there was a slight increase.

Here and there the engineers reported a victory. The surprise tests were ordered abolished.

"We will take our medicine," said President Carter.

MRS. ASTOR ENGAGED, REPORT

C. H. Mackay Pays Marked Attention to Widow—Will Lose \$250,000 a Year if She Marries Again.

Washington, May 1.—Rumor of a possible engagement between Clarence H. Mackay, president of the Postal Telegraph company, and Mrs. John Jacob Astor, which were started in New York city, have been renewed by the visit here of Colonel Astor's widow with Mrs. J. E. Widener of Philadelphia, Mackay and a group of friends.

Colonel Astor, who was one of the victims of the Titanic disaster, provided in his will that if his widow married again she should lose the income from \$5,000,000, or \$250,000 a year, left in trust for her.

GERMANS BOMBARD DUNKIRK

One Hundred and Sixty Persons Killed or Wounded—Property Damage Is Heavy.

Paris, May 3.—The German bombardment of Dunkirk is confirmed in official statements which declare 60 12-inch shells were dropped in the town. One hundred and fifty persons, mostly civilians, were killed or injured. One shell smashed the roof of the barracks and others caused heavy damage to property in other sections of the city. It is believed that the Germans have some new type of long range artillery.

Big Order for Sugar.

New York, May 4.—A war order for granulated sugar, valued at \$3,000,000, to be delivered in about two months, has been received by the Federal Sugar Refining company. The sugar will be shipped to England.

German Slain at Montreal.

Montreal, May 4.—A German prisoner attempting to escape was shot dead by guards. One hundred and sixteen Germans held as war captives were being taken from Montreal to be sent to Spirit Lake.

HUGE RUM TAX IS LAID

GREAT BRITAIN IN EFFORT TO CURB LIQUOR DRINKING.

New Law Will Practically Wipe Out Traffic in Intoxicants About Shipbuilding Yards.

London, May 1.—Chancellor Lloyd-George on Thursday night submitted the government's liquor program to the house of commons and immediately moved that its most important provision, an increase of \$9.93 per proof gallon in the duty on whisky, brandy and gin, should be adopted at once, and put into effect immediately.

"It is necessary to pass this resolution tonight," he explained, "in order to prevent the withdrawal of spirits from bond."

The house divided. It was the first division since the beginning of the war. Lloyd-George's victory, however, was complete. The resolution was carried by a vote of 59 to 5.

The former duty on spirits was 10 shillings a proof gallon. The bill adds 15 shillings and 9 pence a gallon, more than doubling the tax. The taxes on other alcoholic drinks are increased in proportion.

The government is to control the sale of all liquor in areas where war material is produced and where shipping is carried on. The present public houses in these areas are to be reformed or, in many cases, put out of business. Hours of sale will be restricted and the use of light and non-intoxicating drinks will be encouraged. Financial sufferers are to be compensated.

Lloyd-George estimated that the new duties on beer would produce \$8,000,000 of revenue and that the duties on wines would produce \$7,500,000.

TURKS CLAIM BIG VICTORY

Berlin Hears Ottoman Troops Captured Twelve Thousand Prisoners Near Dardanelles Forts.

Berlin, April 30.—Halli Bey, former president of the Turkish parliament, who is now in Berlin, received a telegram from Constantinople on Wednesday stating that 5,000 French and British soldiers had been driven to the sea and that 12,000 had been captured by the Turks as a result of the attempt of the allies to land forces to attack the Dardanelles fortifications.

A British admiralty announcement issued at London states that the allied troops have established themselves across the Gallipoli peninsula. They have beaten off all attacks and are steadily advancing.

Constantinople, April 30 (via Amsterdam).—The war minister has sent the following report to the sultan: "Gen. Liman von Sanders telegraphs that the center and right wing of the enemy's army has been completely defeated. He hopes the left wing will undergo the same fate."

TWIN CITIES CASE DECIDED

Interstate Commerce Commission Rejects Proposals of Railroads East of Mississippi to Raise Rates.

Washington, April 30.—The interstate commerce commission on Wednesday rejected the proposal of railroads east of the Mississippi and north of the Ohio to establish a 90-cent scale of class rates on rail-roads and rail traffic from New York and the east to St. Paul and Minneapolis. The 83-cent scale was ordered to be maintained.

The proposal of the railroads to charge a 28-cent scale of differentials to Minneapolis and St. Paul over the rates to Duluth also was rejected and a 21-cent scale ordered maintained.

This means that on traffic from the East 21 cents will be added to the rate to Duluth on shipments that go through to St. Paul and Minneapolis.

The case, known as the "Twin Cities Case," was one of the most important recently decided by the commission, as it affects a large volume of traffic over practically all western railroads.

GERMANS SHELL U. S. SHIP

Standard Oil Steamer Cushing, Flying United States Flag, Attacked in North Sea.

London, May 3.—Reuters received a dispatch from Rotterdam on Friday saying that the American steamer Cushing, from Philadelphia, arrived at Rotterdam and reports having been attacked by German airmen in the North sea. The airmen dropped two bombs, but no damage was done. The Cushing was flying the American flag and her name was displayed on her sides in huge letters. The Cushing is owned by the Standard Oil company. The Cushing's cargo consists of 2,491,000 gallons of refined petroleum and 50,000 gallons of lubricating oil.

California Fruit Is Saved.

San Francisco, May 4.—The \$50,000,000 scare which fell upon the Pacific slope because of a threatened severe damage to fruit by frost has turned to rejoicing. A drizzling rain improved all crop prospects.

Airmen Attack St. Quentin.

Lausanne, Switzerland, May 4.—A refugee who arrived from St. Quentin, France, reports that four British aviators attacked that city, blowing up a German ammunition depot and killing 19 Germans.

U.S. SHIP TORPEDOED

GERMAN SUBMARINE'S ATTACK KILLS THREE AMERICANS—DISASTER OFF SCILLY.

CAPTAIN KILLED BY SHOCK

Oil Steamer Gulfight Bound From Port Arthur, Tex., to Rouen With Cargo of Naphtha—Vessel Towed to Port by British Craft.

London, May 4.—The American oil steamer Gulfight was torpedoed in the English channel on Saturday by a German submarine. Her captain died of heart disease from the shock and two members of her crew of 36 were drowned.

The Gulfight, a 3,202-ton ship, owned by the Gulf Refining company of Texas, was bound from Port Arthur, Tex., to Rouen with a cargo of naphtha when she was attacked off Bishop Lighthouse, in the Scilly islands.

The vessel, although badly damaged, stayed afloat and was towed to shore by steam drifters and beached. The rescued members of the crew were landed by a patrol boat at Scilly.

The French steamer Europe also was torpedoed by a submarine and sunk off the Scilly islands. The submarine ordered the crew to take to the boats and then fired several shells into the steamer. The ship did not sink from the effect of these, so the submarine launched a torpedo which sent her to the bottom.

The crew of the Europe was picked up by a fishing smack and landed at Newlyn, Cornwall. The Europe was bound from Barry to St. Lazaire with coal.

The British steamer Fulgent was sunk off Skelling Rocks, southwest of County Kerry, Ireland, in the dark early Saturday morning, also by a German submarine. The master was shot and killed and his body taken into one of the boats. Later the boat was picked up by a trawler and its occupants landed at Kilrush. It is feared the remainder of the crew, who occupied a second boat which has not been found, has been lost.

The Greek steamer Fotis, from Galveston and Norfolk to Rotterdam, has been taken into Blyth, England, by a British prize crew. It is alleged that she carried a cargo of contraband believed to be destined for Germany.

The Gulfight is the fourth American steamer destroyed either by mines or submarines in the sea war zone since February 18 and the fifth American vessel sunk in all, the William P. Frye having been sunk in the South Atlantic by the German raider Prinz Eitel Friedrich.

FOUR SHIPS SUNK IN BATTLE

British Torpedo Boat and Trawler Destroyed—Germans Lose Two Vessels in North Sea.

London, May 4.—In a small naval engagement in the North sea on Saturday a British torpedo-boat destroyer and an English trawler were sunk and two German torpedo boats were sent to the bottom after a running fight, according to an announcement made by the admiralty. The text of the admiralty statement follows: "A series of small affairs took place in the neighborhood of the Galloper and North lightships on Saturday. During the forenoon the British destroyer Recruit was sunk by a submarine and four officers and 21 men of the crew were saved by the trawler Daisy.

"At 3 p. m. the trawler Colombia was attacked by two German torpedo boats from the westward. The Colombia was torpedoed and sunk, only one deckhand being saved.

"A division of British destroyers chased the Germans and after a running fight lasting an hour both the Germans were sunk.

"There were no casualties among the British ships and two German officers and 44 men were rescued and made prisoners."

BIG SURPRISE FOR WILSON

Woodrow Is Added to Sayre Baby's Name—President Acts as Godfather at Christening.

Springfield, Mass., May 4.—Having acted his role as godfather to "Baby" Sayre, President Wilson returned to the White House. A surprise was given the president at the christening in the shape of a new name for "Baby" Sayre. He no longer is Francis Sayre, but Francis Woodrow Sayre, thus sharing the name of his distinguished grandparent. President Wilson has been strongly opposed to having his grandson "burdened with my own name," but Mrs. Sayre finally won his consent to its use.

The christening was held on Sunday in St. John's Episcopal church. Rev. Dr. Franklin Cater officiated.

Zeppelin Races a Train.

Bury St. Edmunds, England, May 3.—The German Zeppelin that raided this district raced neck and neck with a train for ten miles. The airship dropped five bombs in an effort to destroy the train, but all fell wide.

Engineer Killed.

Washington, May 2.—Charles L. Stephens, thirty-five, of Pittsburgh, was instantly killed in a Baltimore & Ohio freight wreck, seven miles east of this city, when his engine, two tenders and twelve freight cars left the rails.

578 PERISH ON SHIP

FRENCH CRUISER TORPEDOED BY AUSTRIAN SUBMARINE.

Leon Gambetta Sunk in Ten Minutes

—One Hundred and Thirty-six Rescued by Italian Vessels.

Paris, April 30.—The French cruiser Leon Gambetta was sunk by an Austrian submarine, with the loss of 578 of her crew of 714, in the Strait of Otranto, near the entrance of the Adriatic sea, which was officially announced by the ministry of marine on Wednesday.

The official announcement of the sinking follows: "The Leon Gambetta was sunk while cruising off the entrance of the Otranto canal. All the high officers died at their posts. One hundred and thirty-six sailors and petty officers were saved by Italian boats."

The Leon Gambetta had on board a crew numbering 714 men, including twenty-two officers. A majority of the men were asleep at the time the cruiser was struck. Those saved were virtually without clothing.

They were taken from the water in a pitiful condition. Some were wounded and others were almost unconscious, while all suffered from exposure.

The Gambetta parted company with the French cruiser Julia Ferry Tuesday night to cross the Strait of Otranto, with a view to co-operating with other French ships in an attempt to block the Austrian fleet if it should seek to leave the Adriatic.

The submarine U-5 launched two torpedoes against the Gambetta, both of which were effective.

The Austrian submarine U-5 which sank the Leon Gambetta was commanded by Lieutenant George Ritter von Trapp.

Lamenting the loss of the Leon Gambetta, the Temps says: "The cruiser was a valuable unit of the French navy."

The Leon Gambetta was engaged with other French cruisers in guarding the strait to prevent the passage of Austrian submarines to attack the allied fleet at the Dardanelles. The cruiser displaced 12,416 tons.

SPARKS FROM THE WIRE

Philadelphia, May 1.—Viewed from an economic standpoint, the great war in Europe should benefit American industry. This prophecy was made here by William C. Redfield, secretary of the American Academy of Political and Social Science. He advocated an American merchant marine for the transportation of United States products.

El Paso, Tex., May 1.—Villa paper pesos went down to 4 1/2 cents in gold. This is the lowest point they have ever reached. At one time after the battle of Torreón Villa pesos were worth 35 cents.

Sebastopol, via Petrograd, May 1.—Emperor Nicholas arrived here today.

ROOSEVELT ENDS TESTIMONY

Colonel Talked for Forty-nine Hours—Name of Gov. Charles S. Whitman Mentioned.

Syracuse, N. Y., April 30.—The name of Gov. Charles S. Whitman was brought into the Barnes-Roosevelt \$50,000 libel suit just before Colonel Roosevelt completed his talking marathon of approximately forty-nine hours.

Whitman, while district attorney of New York county, on February 19, 1914, wrote a letter to Charles H. Duell, Jr., formerly of Syracuse, declaring in effect that there should be a reuniting of Progressives and Progressive Republicans and all good citizens to the state of boss rule.

When Colonel Roosevelt finished his record-breaking testimony he had been on the stand seven court days and part of two other days, making a total of almost fifty hours.

1 DEAD, 50 INJURED IN CRASH

Cars on Electric Road Collide Near Fremont, O.—Coaches Set Afire After Accident.

Fremont, O., May 1.—Two cars on the Lake Shore Electric railway collided on a single track four miles east of this city on Thursday, killing a woman and injuring 50 persons, 15 seriously. A woman about eighty years old, whose identity has not been established, died at a private residence in Clyde from a fractured skull. F. R. Baldwin, Toledo, was hurt probably fatally. Mrs. N. Belknap, Bay City, Mich., hurt internally.

Both cars were set afire in the collision.

Sues Stevenson Estate.

San Francisco, May 4.—A suit to recover alimony of \$100 a month awarded to Mrs. Katherine Gabourne was filed against Mrs. Isabel Strong Field, administratrix of the estate of Mrs. Fannie Van de Grit Stevenson.

Depew Tells of Missing Wealth.

New York, May 4.—The Montauk club of Brooklyn gave a birthday dinner to Chauncey M. Depew, who was eighty-one years old on April 23. Mr. Depew told how great wealth has missed him by a hair's breadth.

NEBRASKA'S PARKS IN FILM

Dr. Condra of State Conservation Commission is Preparing Play-ground Moving Pictures.

COMING EVENTS.

North Platte Valley track meet Scottsbluff, May 7-8.
Nebraska Elks' convention, Fremont, May 11-12.
State Gun Club tournament, North Platte, May 18, 19 and 20.
Annual encampment of State G. A. R., Minden, May 18-19-20.
Missouri Valley Tennis Tournament, Lincoln, May 21-22.
Annual convention of the Nebraska State Pharmaceutical association, Omaha, June 7-10.
State Sunday School convention Broken Bow, June 15-16-17.
Stockmen's Convention and State Sheriff's Annual Meeting, Alliance, June 16-17-18.
National convention of Travelers' Protective association, Omaha, June 14-19.
Annual convention of Nebraska Eagles, So. Omaha, June 15-16-17.
Meeting of State Seedmen's association, West Point, July 7-8-9.

NEBRASKA STATE NEWS

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The business men of Pender have raised about \$1,000 to support a baseball team.

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The date of the next race meet at West Point, under the auspices of the Nebraska speed association, has been set for July 7, 8 and 9.

John C. Will of Richland, aged 25, was drowned while bathing in the Platte river west of Schuyler.

A \$200 diamond brooch pin, lost by Miss Effie Yager in front of her home in Hastings, was crushed by an automobile and its value as a pin destroyed.

Mrs. Olive B. True has complicated matters in the race for the appointment of postmaster at Fairbury by circulating a petition to secure the place herself.

The barn of E. N. Boyles, living near the Wyoming line, northwest of Harrison, was burned, together with four horses, two mules, a cow, harness, hay and grain.

Because of an error in the notices of the school bond election at Alnsworth a new call will be made. The call will ask for \$12,000 for a junior high school building.

Attorney General Reed has announced the appointment of Ed. P. Smith of Omaha to appear for the state and the railway commission in defense of order No. 19, the class rate order.

Probing preliminary to a grand jury investigation is being carried on at Hastings. According to Deputy Attorney General Barrett, the investigation promises many sensational features.

The new Methodist bell tower, erected a month ago at Ord, fell after having been struck by a runaway horse. Damage to the building is not serious, but the tower is a wreck and the bell damaged.

Wireless messages were sent and received by high school boys at North Platte with apparatus they had constructed for the benefit of the visitors at the school patrons' meeting held in that place recently.

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The organization of an amateur base ball league in Phelps county consisting of Elwood, Bertrand, Loomis and Holdrege has been completed. Each team will play two games a week, the schedule being arranged to allow one at home and the other abroad.

A twelve acre plot in the west part of Hastings has been leased by the school board for experimental agricultural purposes upon the part of school boys, who will be allotted one-eight of an acre each. Eighteen boys engaged in the experimental work last year. One had sold \$18 worth of his own products.

The state board of control has arranged that between 1,500 and 1,600 loads of sand and cement, needed for the permanent roadway which will be constructed on the Lincoln highway near the Kearney Industrial school, will be hauled by the boys there. The sand will be taken from the Platte.

Work has begun on the excavation for the \$250,000 addition to Lincoln's postoffice building.

The Alliance Commercial club has shipped in 2,000 trees, paying the freight and selling them for less than cost. More trees will be planted there this year than in any five previous years.

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